MINUTES STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES BOARD MEETING Thursday, June 18, 2009

The committee-of-the-whole of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at Huntington's Grille in Jackson and reconvened at 7:25 p.m. in the Hattiesburg Room of the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, MS, on June 18, 2009.

<u>Members present:</u> Mr. George Walker, Mrs. Patricia Dickens, Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Mrs. Brenda Yonge, Mr. Max Huey, Mr. Ed Perry, Mr. Bobby Steinriede and Mr. Napolean Moore. *Members absent were: Mr. Chip Crane and Mr. Bruce Martin.*

SBCJC Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Dr. Fiona Qualls, Dr. Larry Day, Dr. Debra West, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert and Mrs. Missy Saxton.

Guests in attendance: Dr. Reggie Sykes, Institutions for Higher Learning.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Dr. Clark began by greeting all Board Members. He reported that three SBCJC staff members attended the first Mississippi Community College Foundation Leadership Academy at Eagle Ridge this month. Mr. Kell Smith, Dr. Shawn Mackey and Mr. Christian Pruett were recommended to attend the academy, based on suggestions from Senior Staff members. Dr. Clark spoke at the Mississippi Supervisors Association in Biloxi, emphasizing the importance of supporting the state's community colleges with a maximum millage pledge and the Guaranteed Tuition Program that has been implemented in several community college districts. He hopes to send a letter to all county supervisors, chancery clerks and county administrators providing more details by mid-July.

Dr. Clark reports the intent of ARRA stimulus funds is to support the SBCJC Support budget, the IHL budget and the MS Department of Education budget, up to 99 percent of FY 09. The SBCJC Administration budget will not receive stimulus funds. The SBCJC Administration budget is in the hands of the Legislators.

Mr. Ed Perry suggested to Chairman Walker to consider a possible raise for the Executive Director, should the agency have a budget in place by July 1, 2009. Mrs. Patricia Dickens, as well as Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and Mr. Max Huey, suggested it was premature to make any decisions until a budget is in place.

Chairman Walker sought permission from the board members to move the proposed Executive Session up on Friday's agenda to accommodate Mrs. Yonge's early departure from the Friday morning board meeting.

In a motion by Mrs. Patricia Dickens and seconded by Mr. Max Huey, the SBCJC board <u>voted unanimously</u> to move the Executive Session up from number eleven on the Friday agenda to number three to accommodate Mrs. Brenda Yonge's early departure from the Friday morning meeting.

Chairman Walker expressed an interest in finding out if the Thursday night meetings were considered legally constituted. Dr. Clark said he would ask Mr. Chuck Rubisoff, the representative from the Attorney General's office.

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Dr. Debra West informed the board members that she would present **Exhibits A through J** at the Friday board meeting. In Career-Technical Education, she will present two Location Change requests, a Program Termination request and the Practical Nursing Accreditation recommendations. In the area of Workforce, she will present the usual Workforce Training report, in addition to a request to submit a document for the APA process. In the area of Grants and related activities, she will present the standard Grants reports.

Dr. Larry Day of the College Outreach unit will give a presentation on the study he has been working on with Dr. Reggie Sykes of IHL, The African-American Male Initiative.

Dr. Fiona Qualls greeted the board members and said she will give her full report on the Programs Division at the Friday board meeting.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert referred SBCJC members to the Finance agenda tab.

Attachment 1 is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for Fund 4080 for \$2,871,339.00 and Fund 4110 for \$82,112.00, for a total amount of \$2,953,451.00, for June 30, 2009. This will require approval.

Attachment 2 is an Update on the Education Enhancement Fund Reductions. This is for informational purposes only and does not require action.

Attachments 3a and 3b are the Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of May 31, 2009. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachments 4a and 4b are the Budget Approval Requests for Support and Administration for FY 2011. This will require approval.

Mrs. Gilbert concluded the Finance Report.

There being no other business, Chairman Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Recorded by:

Missy Saxton

Mr. Henry Hudspeth, Chairman

Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director